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CHP Receives Federal Grant to Fight DUI

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) continues to be a major traffic safety concern for California. Every year individuals are arrested for DUI and enter the legal process, so that they can be held accountable for their actions. Unfortunately, some individuals either fail to appear in court or fail to pay fines associated with DUI offenses. As a result, arrest warrants are issued for these individuals. However, sometimes these warrants are not served in a timely manner allowing the violators to avoid paying for their crime until they're apprehended.

In order to assure that proper attention is given to outstanding DUI felony and misdemeanor warrants, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has launched a major anti-DUI crackdown through a new federal grant entitled "Stop DUI II." This grant will allow the CHP to take an aggressive approach to reduce the number of outstanding DUI warrants by establishing teams of officers for the specific purpose of serving outstanding DUI warrants.

California Highway Patrol officers will serve these warrants and arrest the individuals who have been evading the law. Those individuals with outstanding DUI warrants can also turn themselves in to their local CHP Area Office. The goal is to make California's highways safer for the motoring public. The grant's focus is on CHP's Valley, Golden Gate and Southern Divisions and extends through Dec. 31, 2008.

Funding for this program was provided by a \$250,000 grant through the state Office of Traffic Safety, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Arrive Alive – Stop DUI!
(Don't Drink and Drive)

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